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Despite these over-fulfillments in the Main Administrations, certain individual quotas were not met and in practically all cases, the failure was due to the fact that the trading organs had not obtained enough export orders. Thus, only 24 of the 69 most important items were completely covered with export orders during the first half of 1955. Despite this situation, the Production Area for Chemicals managed to fulfill and even overfulfill its plan for 41 of these 69 most important items. Some export orders, on the other hand, were not filled due to production difficulties. This applied particularly to crude potassium salt, potash products, photographic paper, movie film, lithophone and formic acid.

## 2. Import Plan Fulfillment

a) The mituation with respect to imports was more unfavorable. During the first half of 1955, import plans were fulfilled in

Pit coal by
Anthracite by
Pit coal coke by

104.8%

Pit coal coke by

103.2% (of which

metallurgical coke achieved a fulfillment of 101 %)
Although there was an over-fulfillment in all coal products, it should be noted that deliveries were not systematic - over-deliveries during the second quarter of 1955 followed under-deliveries during the first - and in practically all products, deliveries did not adhere strictly to specifications. Thus more steam coal (Flaumkohle) than coking coal (Kokskohle) arrived while not a single to a of metallurgical coke was imported. Similarly, the quality of the pit coal coke varied considerably and caused difficulties in the production enterprises. Grude lignite imports were only 92% fulfilled due to the breakdown of the turbine at Hirschfelde.

- b) The import plan for rolled steel products (Walssorteneisen) was 94.4% fulfilled but when analyzed with respect to individual products, the actual fulfillment was even more unfavorable. Excess deliveries were made in products for which East Germanyitself has over-production possibilities and under-fulfillment existed in shortage areas, for example, high-grade bar steel, drawn plate, deep-drawn sheets, thin sheets from 0.9 3 mm in thickness and thin sheets under 0.9 mm in thickness, as well as cold-rolled strip (Kaltband).
- c) Non-ferrous metal imports were 89.1% fulfilled (although, deducting the substantial over-fulfillment in aluminum, the percentage drops to 84%.) The under-fulfillment of copper, lead, zinc and nickel deliveries caused not only difficulties in production but even production breakdowns in some processing enterprises, particularly in Hettstedt, Groeditz and Doehlen.
  - d) The chemicals import plan was only 94% fulfilled in the first half of 1955.

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    Lithophone by
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Red lead (Bleimennige) by 75.9% Iron oxide by 68.2% Blanc fixe (Blankfix) by 64.9% Lead monoxide (Bleiglaette) by 24.1% Photographic gelatine by 67.7%

In order to alleviate difficulties and avoid production breakdown, negotiations were held with the Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade, with the DIAs, and with Chemiepha to arrange for special urgently needed imports. Thus, a quantity of borax, a larger supply of natural rubber and a whole series of other items were obtained for the paint industry through Chemiepha.

## 3. Sumary

The Ministry for Heavy Industry anticipates being able to fulfill its 1955 export plan by 100% at the end of the year, but has no such high hopes for the import plan. A considerable number of products will most probably not be imported in the quantity planned. Although since the beginning of August 1955, almost 800 tons of metallurgical and refined zinc (Feinzink) have arrived in East Germany and the planned exports are 100% covered, there are still difficulties with nickel which have not been resolved. The Ministry is in constant contact with the DIAs and with the Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade and is attempting to secure the remaining imports so that its enterprises will be able to meet their production plans.

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